

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
FAMILIES AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

10:30 a.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Families and Children's Services was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Clack, Dean, Accavitti, Hammon, Stahl, Hoogendyk.

Members absent/excused: Reps. Wojno, Sheen, Palmer.

Representative Accavitti moved to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2007 meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5261 before the committee.

**HB 5261 Gillard** Labor; hours and wages; adoption leave; provide for.

Representative Matthew Gillard, sponsor of HB 5261, and Emily Kieliszewski of Alpena testified in support of the bill. Ms. Kieliszewski also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Ed Rivet of Right To Life Of Michigan testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Erin Kieliszewski of Alpena testified in support of the bill. Ms. Kieliszewski also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Paul Long of the Michigan Catholic Conference.

Cynthia Paul of the Service Employees International Union.

Wendy Block of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to testify. Ms. Block also submitted written testimony.

Representative Hoogendyk moved to excuse the absence of Representatives Wojno, Sheen, and Palmer. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

**Representative Brenda Clack, Chair**\_\_\_\_\_

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk

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